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CINCUSAREUR FOR AEAEN-RE AND AEAJA-IA

1. AT JAN. 16 MEETING WITH FINANCE MINISTRY REPS (HEITMANN, URBAN), EMBASSY AND USAREUR REPS RESUMED US/FRG CONTACTS ON SUBJECT FOR FIRST TIME SINCE SPRING 1973 ON BASIS OF INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED REFTEL. FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS WERE HANDED TO FRG REPS:

(A) DRAFT LETTER WITH RESIDUAL VALUE

FORMULA;

(B) DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE AGREEMENT WITH ANNEXES, IN SLIGHTLY REVISED AND TIGHTENED UP VERSION OF DOCUMENT ATTACHED TO KOISCH/CASH LETTER OF JUNE 28, 1973 (ANNEX B TO BONN'S A-602 OF 9/25/73); AND

(C) SANITIZED NON-PAPER VERSION OF NEGOTIATING HISTORY OF "WEAR AND TEAR" AND "NON-REMOVALS" PROVISIONS IN SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT TO NATO SOFA (BASED ON PAPERS INCLUDED IN KOISCH/CASH LETTER OF JUNE 28, 1973). FRG REPS AGREED TO STUDY MATERIALS AND TO GIVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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US REACTIONS AND COUNTER PROPOSALS THERETO AT NEXT

MEETING. US REPS INVITED THEM TO GIVE REACTIONS IN INFORMAL WRITTEN FORM TO PERMIT EXAMINATION BY EMBASSY, USAREUR AND WASHINGTON OF FRG VIEWS IN THEIR OWN WORDS. BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT REAL NEGOTIATIONS WOULD TAKE PLACE AFTER US SIDE HAD STUDIED FRG RESPONSES AND COUNTER-PROPOSALS, INCLUDING FRG INTERPRETATION OF NEGOTIATING HISTORY ON TWO MAIN OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS.

- 2. ONLY SUBJECT DISCUSSED SOMEWHAT WAS US CONCEPT OF LEDGER, FRG REPS WONDERING WHETHER THIS WOULD NOT INVOLVE LARGE ADMINISTRATIVE TASK EVEN WHEN BOTH SIDES KNEW THAT BASIC LEDGER ENTRY WOULD BE ZERO. US REP (FUENTES) EMPHASIZED THAT US ABILITY FINALLY TO AGREE TO FRG-PROPOSED RESIDUAL VALUE FORMULA WAS TIED TO ENTIRE PACKAGE, INCLUDING MAINTENANCE OF LEDGER SUBSTANTIALLY AS PROPOSED BY US SIDE. FRG WILL, HOWEVER, BE PROPOSING WAYS OF STREAMLINING LEDGER MAINTENANCE, POSSIBLY IN WAYS THAT MIGHT PROVE ON EXAMINATION TO BE ACCEPTABLE.
- 3. EMBASSY POUCHING COPIES OF DOCUMENTS LEFT WITH FRG REPS TO WILGIS, EUR/CE BY DS-4 FOR INFORMATION OF EUR/CE AND L/PM.
- 4. USAREUR IS SEEKING TO PREPARE AN ESTIMATE OF SIZE
 OF WEAR AND TEAR DAMAGES AND NON-REMOVAL DAMAGES WHICH
 WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO TRANSMIT WHEN WE REPORT ON FRG
 COMMENTS AND COUNTERPROPOSALS TO MATERIALS LEFT WITH
 THEM JANUARY 16.
 HILLENBRAND

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